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## Our Radio Broadcast

The Church of Christ Half Hour, which is aired over Station WTMV each Sunday at 2:05 p. m., continues to elicit a lot of "fan mail" all of which is very encouraging. Many families who are not in any way connected with the One Body are listening regularly and it is apparent that the pure gospel in song and sermon is going into more homes in the Saint Louis area than ever before. Very gratifying is the excellent response from localities where there never has been a Church of Christ.

The singing is being done by groups from the Hartford and Manchester Ave. Churches, alternating on Sundays; and they expect to be joined later by the Lillian Singers. W. Carl Ketcherside is presenting messages on the subject, "What is the Church of Christ?" Thus far in November and December affirmation has been made and proven that The Church of Christ is that institution which the Saviour declared he would build on earth, and no other has a right to make such claim; The Church of Christ is The One Body mentioned in the New Testament; and The Church of Christ is the Kingdom or Rule of Heaven on Earth Today.

The messages are pointed, straight, pulling no punches. They are causing people to think, and some to attend church services in our regular meetings who have not come before. The ones who write in for the first time are being mailed copies of "The Flight Of Faith" which has proven to be an excellent radio advertisement, for there are many who want it sent to their friends, to their boys in the armed services, or to their relatives. A special tract entitled, "When The Boys Come Home" is now being prepared for free radio distribution. It will be made available to churches elsewhere who also want to use it in their communities. Write for free sample.

## FLASHES! !

Brother Howard Bilyeu is in Saint Joseph's Hospital, Kansas City, where he has been operated on for malignant tumor in the stomach and intestines. His condition is very critical. He is a brother of Leonard Bilyeu of St. Louis and a member of the congregation at Mount View, near Iberia . . . . Sister Wilma Mabery Ashburn was taken to the hospital for an appendectomy on Dec. 30. She is a daughter of Henry Mabery, a preacher of the gospel at Bonne Terre, Mo. . . . The Saint Louis Bible Reading started on January 3, with 20 students enrolled for the first day. Among those from out of the city were Joe Clay, Stahl, Mo.; Harry Wilson, Secor, Ill.; Arvel Watts, Helen Watts, and Mary Beth Shepherd of Flat River, Mo.; and Loren Honn of Kemp, Ill. . . . Brother and Sister L. C. Roberts were reported ill on New Year's Day, with a lot of others also sick at Bonne Terre . . . . January 3, opened the New Year in a fine way at Manchester Avenue, St. Louis. The morning attendance was 213, the night attendance 195. The contribution was \$118.50. There were 8 added to the church during the day. Lillian Avenue church also had two additions. The elders of that congregation delivered the morning and evening messages, following a custom of several years standing. Almost one hundred of the new books "To Every Man That Asketh" were sent to soldiers and sailors in the first two weeks they were off the press. It is hoped that 200 or more may be mailed free to such men. The cost to civilians is 50 each. Better get yours while you can. . . . The radio broadcasts at Saint Louis are reaching more homes than was ever thought possible. We wish that all of you could tune in and send in all the news of your congregation. We want to keep this a NEWSpaper. Thanks!

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY

## New Year's Eve Watch Service

The Webster Groves congregation held services for more than four hours on New Year's Eve, waiting the approach of midnight. There was a short break on every hour, permitting those who so desired to come or go according to their desires. Bro. Emery Smith was chairman of the proceedings, which opened with the regular Friday night meeting, conducted as it is every week. Various song leaders participated in directing an hour of vocal music praise. The Manchester Avenue Singers were also present and with Brother Ketcherside, gave a preview of their entire program for January 9, over WTMV. These programs are timed to about a ten second efficiency, and this demonstration enabled those who were present to see just what goes on in the radio studio on Sunday afternoons. The programs are prepared a week in advance and submitted to the studio censors for approval. Short talks were made at the Webster Groves meeting by various ones and the final hour was spent in answering an assortment of Bible questions prepared in advance by Brother Smith. In spite of cold and snow, about 75 persons were in attendance.

## A Welcome Gift

Bro. W. G. Roberts writes that a number of the members in central Illinois made him a present of a new artificial limb. This was especially appreciated inasmuch as the old one which had been worn for a number of years caused him a lot of inconvenience and pain in his attempts to get about. The making of an artificial limb requires a lot of skill and exact scientific measurement and the brethren who participated in the worthy project or making life more comfortable for our preaching brother deserve a lot of commendation for the great thoughtfulness, which they manifested.

## From Northern Ireland

(EDITOR'S NOTE: I am publishing this by request. It is from a soldier who snapped under the strain. After he could endure it no longer he foolishly "went over the hill", that is ran away. After his foster parents had worried themselves sick, the boy finally showed up at camp, was court-martialed and sent to Ireland. This is his letter.)

I received my copy of the Macedonian Call and Missouri Messenger, and read what other boys in the service think about the papers. I thought all of you might like to hear from one who slipped a long way and fell from the Lord once, but am now trying to do as my Lord has commanded. Since the beginning of time there has been a war against Satan and his forces, greater than this war of man. It cannot be won by gun and bloodshed but only by faithfulness of the army of the Lord. We who are over here fighting against one who exalts himself as God pray that this war will soon end and we can be back utilizing our full efforts in the spiritual warfare. I have this to say of the papers. The lessons in the Macedonian Call and the Missouri Messenger are good. They show one who is falling away where he is wrong, and edify and strengthen him in bearing his trials. I have always read them over, but I never got from them the full meaning until now when I am in a foreign land across the ocean from my beloved brethren.

Those papers help me keep close to the Lord, and they are my only source of contact with Christians, those who are interested in the One Faith, which I sadly left once. The news of the churches is more than that each one is like a personal letter from some whom I have met and many others I have never seen, and I know you back home are working. Am feeling fine physically and feeding my spirit on the Word. Keep up the fight for  
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## CARL'S CORNER

### Carl's Corner

I was just a boy of eleven years, dressed in overalls and a blue shirt. I think I was bare-foot. But it was Sunday night, and I was at the little crossroads country church. The elder in his kind voice extended the invitation showing by his action he expected no answer to it. They began singing "Blessed Are They Who Do His Commandments." I went forward and made the noble confession. Next Sunday the same dear old brother led me out into a clear, limpid pool formed below a riffle in the little creek. He immersed me into Christ, then put his arms around me. I was the first person he had baptized. When I was twelve he sat on the front seat and listened to my childish discourse. Then he was the first to congratulate me with, "Son, you are going to make a worker for the Lord. Be faithful. Sometime I'll be gone, and you younger ones must carry on." Last week I stood above his casketed form and spoke the final words. I was glad then that I had remained faithful. I was happy to pay my tribute to one who was like a father to me. He has always believed in me. I miss him so much. Something has sort of gone out of life. He was Bro. Jesse Jackson of Hartford congregation. Good-bye Brother Jackson.—CARL

When you have read your Messenger, Pass it to someone else.

## AMONG the CHURCHES

**ELLINGTON** (Dec. 3)—Attendance on Lord's Days holding up good since our meeting in November. New converts are helping out and seem much interested. Some have already stated that there has been more good done than they ever expected by building our new church house, among those so stating being Bro. W. F. Haywood. The brother who directed the singing at my mother's funeral came from the Baptist Church during our meeting.

—GUY GASTINEAU

**WEBSTER GROVES**—The close of this year finds this congregation with their building paid for, three stars in the service flag, several transferring membership with us, three new babies, and everyone working in harmony for the Master's Cause.

### Terry—Wilmot

Brother and Sister Dan Terry announce the marriage of their daughter, Darline, to Cpl. Donald Wilmot, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilmot of Jameson. The impressive double ring ceremony was read by Bro. Harold J. Hays of St. Joseph, at 2:30 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, December 12, at the Church of Christ in Gallatin. In the presence of an assembly of relatives and friends, white and yellow chrysanthemums, ferns, palms and begonias formed the principal setting. The bride wore a street length dress of aqua blue with brown accessories, and a corsage of red roses. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Hobert Stretch of Kansas City, who wore a powder blue suit with black accessories, complimented by a corsage of pink carnations. Mr. Hobert Stretch was best man.

Miss Mary Ellen and LeRoy Terry, of Saint Joseph, cousins of the bride, sang "I Love You Truly." A reception at the home of the bride's parents for fifty guests, followed the ceremony. The groom is now stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana; and the bride is employed at Lake City Ordnance Plant, Kansas City. Both are members of the Church of Christ. We wish them many happy years together, and may they so build their earthly home that when their labors here are ended, they may have an eternal home whose builder and maker is God.

as we enter the New Year.

Ed. Smith and family, visited here for a week before departing from his home at Galesburg, Ill., to Fort Sheridan, where he reported to the U. S. Army on Dec. 15. When last heard from he was quarantined indefinitely.

The young lads from Lillian and Manchester Churches certainly gave us some wonderful lessons the past month. To those who haven't heard them, these lads really proved a pleasant treat.

—VERN ATWELL

**SHAMROCK**—Several on sick list but attendance and contribution good on December 26. The Stoneman family able to be present after illness. We were glad to have Cpl. Ronald Moore, home from Houston, Texas to visit his parents, Bro. and Sister Leslie Moore. We appreciate the kind words of Sister Iva Kreeger in last MMM. We hope she can meet with us on her next visit to her old home. Her mother met with us one Lord's Day evening recently. Always glad to have visitors.

**OZARK**—Attendance and contribution both good on Dec. 26, when we had with us some of our members who are away in employment. Sister Howard is ever faithful to come and worship with us and bring her family. Another daughter-in-law accompanied her on Dec. 26. Lt. and Mrs. Glenn Mooney are parents of a baby girl, born Dec. 20. She is a member here. He is stationed in Louisiana. The Ralph Thomas family have been ill with flu but are improving. Bro. and Sister Mooney could not be with us two Lord's Days as they were too ill. The congregation extends to Sister Shelton, sincere sympathy in the loss of her aunt, Mrs. Anna McMullin, who departed this life, Dec. 12.

**SAINT LOUIS** (7121 Manchester)—We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family of our aged Bro. Park, who passed away within the last month. He was baptized when nearly eighty years of age by Brother Ketcherside here at Manchester, and he was 85 when he died. Funeral services were held at McLaughlin Funeral Home here in the morning, and then the body was taken to near Stanton Mo., where Bro. Carl conducted another brief service at the cemetery for old friends who gathered. Bro. Parks had been unable to

attend services for sometime by reason of his advanced age and limited facilities. He was the father of Sister Cooper of Manchester, and grandfather of a number of our members. Our hearts go out to them in their grief.

Limits of space would forbid naming all of our sick. Melvin Weems and Eddie Asberry both sustained emergency operations, and are doing fine. Others unable to attend have been Dale Sterret, Sister Mallow, Carrie Tabor and Bobby Fleming. Harry Fisher had an acute attack but is improving satisfactorily. He has been in the hospital six months. Claude Young is about the same.

Bob Johnson was home recently on furlough, appeared for a minute on the radio program, then preached for us at night. He presented a fine lesson. Harmon Thompson who has been in the post hospital at Sedalia was home over the week end, Dec. 26. He accompanied his parents, Bro. and Sister Lawrence Thompson on a visit to Topeka, Kan.

Congratulations to Camilla Beer, who has a baby boy. Her husband is somewhere in northern Ireland now. We are glad to see Ruth Honn in Saint Louis again after an extended visit in Sullivan, Ill. Marvin would rather have stayed in Sullivan. Said there were more people to play with.

We rejoice over the immersion into Christ of Margie Fleming Meyer. Her brother Floyd took her confession on Dec. 26. Our all-time high contribution of \$129.35 was surpassed by Lillian Avenue the following Sunday with \$138. Good going! Three of our high school boys have really presented wonderful sermons. They are Kenneth Fleck, Lionel Burton and Ray Wofford. If they keep on and others follow in their examples, we will have no lack of speaking talent. To the church as they are faithful to the Lord.

**GOODWATER**—We are still getting along fine though not many are left to attend with us, since defense work has called them to the city. We had a good crowd on Dec. 28, with several brethren from other places in attendance. They included Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood and Mae Thompson of Saint Louis; Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Mayberry of Fredericktown. Bro. Herbert Estep made a good talk. We extend a cordial invitation to all faithful disciples to worship with us when it is possible.

—PAUL THOMPSON

ROCKVILLE - Received my new books "To Every Man That Asks" and am sending check for one dozen more. The sermon on prayer by Brother Brumback is one of the best on that subject. Must be that when our prayers do not 'avail much' we are not as righteous as God wants us to be, else our prayers are not "effective fervent prayers". Watch and work everyday, are as necessary as DAILY prayer. Each sermon in the book of the best teaching. "Happy New Year" to all.  
-Mrs. A. R. DIX

PLEASANT HILL - Your writing on Scriptural Elders is right to the point and is certainly what the church has been needing for some time. Our son-in-law surprised us by coming in on his last furlough before going overseas we think. He just had his promotion to 1st Lieutenant in the Air Corps.  
C. C. ROBERTSON FAMILY  
(Congratulations, Lieutenant - Editor).

KANSAS CITY - Arrived home after absence of two months work with churches at Lewis, Kinsley and Mullinville, Kansas; to begin six months work with the Kansas City and Independence churches. This will consist of a study of the church its establishment, work and worship. All scriptures pertaining to the church are being marked in the members' Bibles and connected with others upon the same subject. We hope to stimulate interest in the study of the Bible, and to prepare every disciple to be always ready to give an answer and a reason for the hope that is in them.  
ROBERT H. BRUMBACK.

OLD SCOTLAND - Monday, December 20, 1943 being the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Skinner, a dinner was given in their honor on the Sunday preceding at their country home in Daviess County. Children present included Elsie Hampton and family; Irven Skinner and family, both of Jameson, Mo.; and Hazel and Lena Skinner of the home. The other daughter, Ruth Wigfield of Chillicothe was absent due to sickness in her family. A number of gifts and cards received showed the general esteem in which this aged Christian couple are held by all who know them. Sister Skinner, who has been in delicate health for months was able to go to the table on the occasion of the celebration. Brother Skinner is enjoying good health at present, for which we are truly thankful.  
Bro. James W. Truitt of Gallatin preached for us on Dec. 26,

using as his theme, "History Repeats Itself". His edifying and friendly admonitions were well worth everyone's earnest and serious consideration. He expects to be here again the fourth Lord's Day in January, and we hope many will have the opportunity to hear him.

We extend our congratulations to Cpl. and Mrs. Donald Willmot who were married at Gallatin a few weeks ago.

HALE - Your articles on Scriptural Elders have been fine. Am still carrying mail. Our son, Ralph Ward, was married last fall, went in the army last April and is stationed at Camp Mackall, N. Carolina in the Gilder Infantry. We re-mailed the Messenger to him. Brother Ballenger is home now and is keeping fairly well it seems. Don't think he intends to be gone so much in the winter. Grandma Huddleston is quite poorly and her daughter, Emma, is not very well either.  
-V. M. FOLTZ

BONNE TERRE - Will report doings in the Lead Belt. Returned home from Oklahoma after seven weeks absence. On Nov. 15 began a pre-advertising campaign for Bro. Hensley's meeting, visiting 500 homes with personal invitations and suitable reading matter. Paid ads were run in the tri-weekly local paper, and on Saturday, 1000 bills were put in homes, business houses and automobiles. During the second and third weeks of the meeting. Bro. Hensley and I again covered much of this territory, extending personal invitations and visiting those who had attended. The local editor agreed to print reviews of the sermons up to 400 words. We took advantage of this generous offer as we know that advertising pays. Bro. Hensley did his part in the pulpit well, with plain practical lessons well-received by the people of the community. Immediate results were not great but seed was sown for a future harvest. One placed membership.

Our Bonne Terre program continues, with a two hour period one night each week to be devoted to study of Isaiah. Wednesday evening studies in the Old Testament find us now studying Exodus. Special attention is being given points applicable to the church.  
L. C. ROBERTS

KANSAS CITY - Brother Buell Boyce, reports a good meeting with Brother John Rhodes at 59th and Kenwood Streets recently, which was hindered somewhat by sickness in the congregation.

There were two baptized, and four others added or restored as I recall. Bro. Robert Brumback is now working in that area and we shall hope to carry a regular and encouraging report.

NEOSHO (Grant and Young Sts.) -Bro. J. D. Keely has returned from California and we are glad to have him with us again. A Sister Livingston from Miss., has met with us lately. Bro. and Sister Carr are both improving. Will be so glad when they can attend worship again as it has been one year since they were able to meet with us. We have Sunday night Bible lessons in the Old Testament, and the lessons are very instructive but we are sorry to say that cold weather and flu have hindered our last two Sunday night sessions. We would be glad to have any of the preaching brethren passing through stop and pay us a visit.

-MARY COOK  
SAINT JOSEPH - The different male members have been taking turns teaching and public speaking and the congregation has enjoyed some edifying services. Leroy Terry though young in years has shown excellent talent in song leading. Our attendance has been good.

Again the government has called and Bro. Pew has been inducted into the Marine Corps, stationed at the Marine Base in San Diego for the present.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 26, immediately after regular services Bro. Jack Williams was married to Edith Mills of this city. The pulpit was beautifully decorated with ferns and the bridal party stood in front of this bank of green. Victor Gibson sang, "Oh Promise Me" and "I Love You Truly". Mrs. Max Williams was matron of honor and Max Williams was his brother's best man. Bro. Harold Hays read the marriage lines in a very impressive manner. Bobby Terry and Scott Smith, cousin and friend of the groom, were ushers. Jack recently received a medical discharge from the army and he takes a very active part in the work of the church here. Congratulations, and best wishes for a long, happy life together is our prayer.

CLEO GIBSON  
NIXA--We are developing talent both Sunday morning and night. The night study in Acts continues to develop teachers, speakers, song leaders and general Bible students. We were forced to be absent due to illness three Lord's Day evenings, so Bro. George Sackett substituted for

Harry in teaching on Dec. 28. Bro. John O'Neil with assistance of the elders has prepared a new program for the next few ensuing months and it will be posted on the board, January 2. The Ladies Bible Class meets every other week in private homes. Meeting last week was changed from Sister Thelma Bussard's to Lucille O'Neil's, because Sandra was sick. They will meet Jan. 5 at the home of Sister Addie Fox.

We welcome back into this area, Bro. and Sister Wm. Inmon. They will be of great help.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Sister Ethel McLean in the loss of her father, Mr. N. A. Buxton. Our sympathy also goes to Bro. Sackett, one of our elders, in the loss of his sister on Dec. 26.

It was a pleasure to have in our audience last Lord's Day, Glen Bussard, Stanley and Kathryn Stine from Wichita, Anita and Mary Evelyn Bussard were also privileged to come. Jack Herndou is now stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif. He has received a very interesting letter from the Young People's Class, and they are sending him another this week. Those things are appreciated by boys in the armed services away from home and loved ones.

HARRY and JERRY MOONEY  
INDEPENDENCE--Bro. Brumback now labors with us each Tuesday night, and also gave us two good discourses on Dec. 28. We had the pleasure of having him and wife together with all of the other Kreegers who live in this area in our home that day. Most of the afternoon was profitably spent in singing and talking about the Word of God. Last Tuesday we studied the gospel and its commands as to entrance to the church. We regret that sickness restricted our crowds, as it has affected the Sunday morning audiences also.

Bro. and Sister W. E. Ballenger have been visiting here for two weeks. She has been ill with the flu. To her we extend sincere sympathy in the loss of her brother, who was a railroad man on duty, at the time of his fatal accident.

The first of the year will find us meeting in the home of Bro. Walter Allen, 814 N. Union, for two months. Bro. Glenn Ellis will speak for us twice during that time. We appreciate the faithfulness to help of the Kansas City churches. Recently we met at the home of Sister Beulah Schannuth for a social gathering.

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## Scriptural Elders

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An elder must be no "brawler." Thus says the record of God's Word in this next qualification. Now a brawler is one who is contentious and quarrelsome; a person who lowers himself to "chewing the rag" and forgets the dignity of his office to engage in both ungentlemanly and unprofitable arguments, when nothing is to be gained for truth. There are some men who are so stubborn, bull-headed and arrogant that their very opinions must be accepted as "law and gospel" else they will engage in unseemly disputation in an attempt to convert everyone to their way of thinking. Sometimes they do this publicly. Forgetting that the class time belongs to all, they get started upon some nonsensical hobby which they happen to be riding, and around and around they go.

I know of one elder (so-called) who has a batch of little "pet" ideas that he has fostered, nurtured and encouraged until he actually believes that they are true. When it comes his time to teach the lesson, it doesn't make any difference where the study is to be done, he will work it around until he can set forth some of his queer little notions and then when brethren honestly attempt for the sake of strangers who may be present to smooth the matter over, he will carry on interminably, and tire everyone but himself out with his childish, ridiculous notions. You cannot even visit in his home with any degree of satisfaction. He cares nothing about the brotherhood; he is not interested in the great reformation that is going on; he is not concerned about anything except getting up a quarrel over his picayunish ideas. And not one of them would amount to a "hill of beans" either way. Still you can't tell him that! He thinks a man's faithfulness to Christ lies in whether he sees all of the trivial little nonentities he has concocted, in just the same way he does. Of course, I've never wasted any time arguing with him. My time is too valuable. But several of the other boys who don't have a lot to do, or else don't do it, have whiled away a lot of time in see-sawing verbally back-and-forth. No wonder a church will not grow under that kind of leadership.

When a man gets to the place

that he is always right—even when he is wrong; something ought to be done about it! There are none of us who know all of the answers. We do not within selves represent ALL that is good of God's creation. Elders should give others consideration. They should remember that someone else might occasionally get a correct thought on some passage, strange as it may seem.

I do not think that the Bible Class is any place to iron out a lot of trivial little matters anyway. I think we should shun profane and vain babblings, and pay no attention to endless genealogies, for these things gender strife. Let all things be done unto edifying. Follow after the things which make for peace and things wherewith one may edify another. If brethren want to get together on Sunday afternoon on the front porch, and argue all day about their little interpretations, let 'em do it! That's their business! But they have no right to misappropriate good class time and leave the wrong impression on people of the world.

Let the elders not be quarrelsome. Let them use their influence to guide the studies into proper channels, and see that they stay in those channels. Let all things be done decently and in order. Most of our arguments back and forth in class don't mean a lot anyway. Sometimes both are right and don't know it; sometimes neither is right, and don't want to know it; most of the time it doesn't make a lot of difference. Let's not strive against but let's strive for the betterment of each other.

### Grandma Gastineau Dies

A faithful Christian sixty-two years. That was the record of Grandma Gastineau who passed away at St. Mary's Hospital, in Ironton, December 22. She was almost 85 years old, and obeyed the gospel when she was 23. In doing so, she forfeited the affection of other members of her father's family who were prejudiced against the church, but these things she counted but nought that she might win Christ.

Born Mahala Elma Rush in Green County, Ind., she was united in marriage to Winfield Scott Gastineau, August 22, 1880 and 5 children came to bless this union, 4 of whom survive. They are Guy Gastineau and Mrs. Amy Haywood of Ellington; Ray Gastineau of Redford and John Gastineau of Centerville. They

remain also a sister, Mrs. Artie Rush of Springville, Ind.; 22 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Grandma looked forward to creation of the new church building in Ellington, and during our first meeting there a few weeks ago she was stricken by paralysis after a few nights attendance. I was called for the funeral service, and on that day which the world calls Christmas, we spoke words of cheer and comfort over the body of this dearly beloved one. Hers was the first funeral service held in the little chapel which she loved so much.

I feel a sense of personal loss with the family. Grandma was so interesting to talk to, she was ever cheerful and ready to spread happiness to others, and I know that I'm going to miss her when I return to my beloved Ozark hills, among which she spent the greater part of her life. Three things she especially loved to do: read her Bible, go to church and visit with Christian friends. May she sweetly rest in Jesus until his coming.

### Letter From Ireland

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there is no place to rest. From a member of the armed forces in Northern Ireland and a brother in Christ—Pvt. Verlin L. Roberts. PLEASE READ THIS AND HELP

We know of a fine lad, twelve years old, an orphan boy. He is in the care of relatives who love him and have done all they could for him. But they are very poor and can give the lad little chance. Both have to work in defense work to make ends meet and that leaves this lad at home by himself much of the time. It isn't so bad now, but after school is out it will not be a good situation for such a youngster in the city. The boy likes to work on a farm. He was on one last summer. We are attempting to arrange a place for him to work on a farm next summer in the proximity of a Church of Christ where he can attend every Lord's Day, for we are interested in this little orphan lad both physically and spiritually. If there are any of you brethren who read this and would give a home to such a lad to work for his keep, will you please notify me immediately. We will, if it proves satisfactory during the summer and you desire, make arrangements for you to keep him indefinitely, provided of course that you give him an opportunity for schooling. If eventually, you should want to adopt him, I will

personally see that it is arranged. But at the present, we are looking for a home where he may have the chance to be in the pure air of the country, work to keep him occupied, and a decent chance in life. Here too, is your opportunity of doing untold good in the world. Perhaps in later years you may look at a Christian life you have helped to mould and know that you have earned an eternal home for yourself by providing an earthly home for another. If you'll write to this paper at once, we will begin to make the necessary arrangements, and if you are willing to give the lad a chance in school you need not wait until vacation time. Can I hear from you immediately?

### Among The Churches

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ing and singing. Such a good time was had we plan on spending New Year's Eve at Bro. Robert Smallwood's. Bro. Arthur Nelson's son, a marine, worshipped with us Dec. 26, on his furlough. Bro. Oscar Paisley delivered two excellent sermons for us lately, the first time he has preached here since his illness.

IVA KREEGER

Gallatin - Attendance at our service is steadily increasing with more non-members present. Our development program continues, and the scripture study for children expands in interest. Bro. J. W. Truitt continues to work with us as opportunity affords. Recently we have had brethren from Old Scotland, Splawns Ridge, Jamesport and Saint Joseph worship with us, and we were pleased to have Bro. Harold Hays speak for us on Dec. 12. May we ever be found working in the vineyard of the Lord.

D. PATTERSON

ELLINGTON - Since our meeting conducted by Bros. Harold Ottwell and W. Carl Ketcherside, we have been doing our best in our new house. We have started a Young People's Class on Lord's Day morning, consisting of 12 members, all of whom are taking a good interest. Thus far they have been taught by Bro. Seamon Beck of Manchester Avenue Church in Saint Louis, who has come down each weekend and invested his time in this manner. Our brethren who are taking public part in the work of the church are doing a good job. We will greatly miss Sister Gastineau, as she was very faithful to the Lord.

Do unto others as you want them to do unto you.